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Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 123 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/53/745.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 25 and 27 May 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.61 and 62).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (A/53/908 and A/53/937) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/957).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.64

4. At the 62nd meeting on 27 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" (A/C.5/53/L.64), submitted on the basis of information consultations, and made a statement in clarification of operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.64 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation (the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1229 (1999) of 26 February 1999,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/211 of 18 December 1998 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 144.9 million United States

[1] A/53/908 and A/53/937.

[2] A/53/957.

dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997 and from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 6 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Expresses concern* that the Secretary-General has not reported before the second part of the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly on the status of implementation of measures taken or initiated to address appropriately the issues, observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[3] and other related actions taken by the Observer Mission and the Secretariat, as requested in paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/8 C of 26 June 1998 and in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/211, and requests the Secretary-General to submit that report no later than 30 June 1999;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola the amount of 7,441,540 dollars gross (7, 083,840 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 369,153 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 72, 387 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund

[3] A/52/881.

of the estimated staff assessment income of 357,700 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

10. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 149,720 dollars gross (49,625 dollars net) in respect of the period from 3 January 1989 to 30 September 1994;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 149,720 dollars gross (49,625 dollars net) for the period from 3 January 1989 to 30 September 1994 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 4,571,900 dollars gross (4,275,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 4,571,900 dollars gross (4,275,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".